

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) Reinforcement ply for a tire, formed of reinforcement elements embedded in coating products, wherein it comprises a first and a second layer of metallic elements parallel to one another, embedded in a ~~coating product or coating products~~ respective first and second coatings and, between the ~~said~~ two layers, a third layer of elements made from a textile material and embedded in a coating, ~~the product, the said~~ textile elements being orientated relative to the metallic elements of the said ~~two~~ first and second layers at an angle between 70° and 110°, wherein the third layer is disposed radially between the first and second layers; the first and second layers being of equal width, and the third layer being of no less width than the first and second layers; each of the metallic elements of the first layer lying in a radial plane and always disposed radially outwardly of the third layer in its respective radial plane; and each of the metallic elements of the second layer lying in a radial plane and always disposed radially inwardly of the third layer in its respective radial plane.

2. (Original) Reinforcement ply according to Claim 1 wherein the textile material is aromatic polyamide.

3. (Original) Ply according to Claim 1, wherein the textile elements are monofilaments.

4. (Original) Ply according to Claim 1, wherein the metallic elements are steel cables said to be elastic and are identical in the first and second layers.

5. (Currently Amended) Ply according to Claim 4, wherein the ~~rubber mixtures~~ coatings of the three layers have identical constitution.

6. (Currently Amended) Ply according to Claim 4, wherein the ~~mixtures~~ coatings of the ~~said two~~ first and second layers have identical constitution while the ~~mixture~~ coating of the third layer has a different constitution.

7. (Previously Presented) Tire with a radial carcass reinforcement surmounted radially by a crown reinforcement comprising at least one so-termed protection ply, wherein the said ply is a play according to Claim 1.

8. (New) Ply according to Claim 1 wherein the third coating directly contacts the respective metallic elements of the first and second layers.

9. (New) Ply according to Claim 1 wherein there is only one layer of textile elements in the third layer.